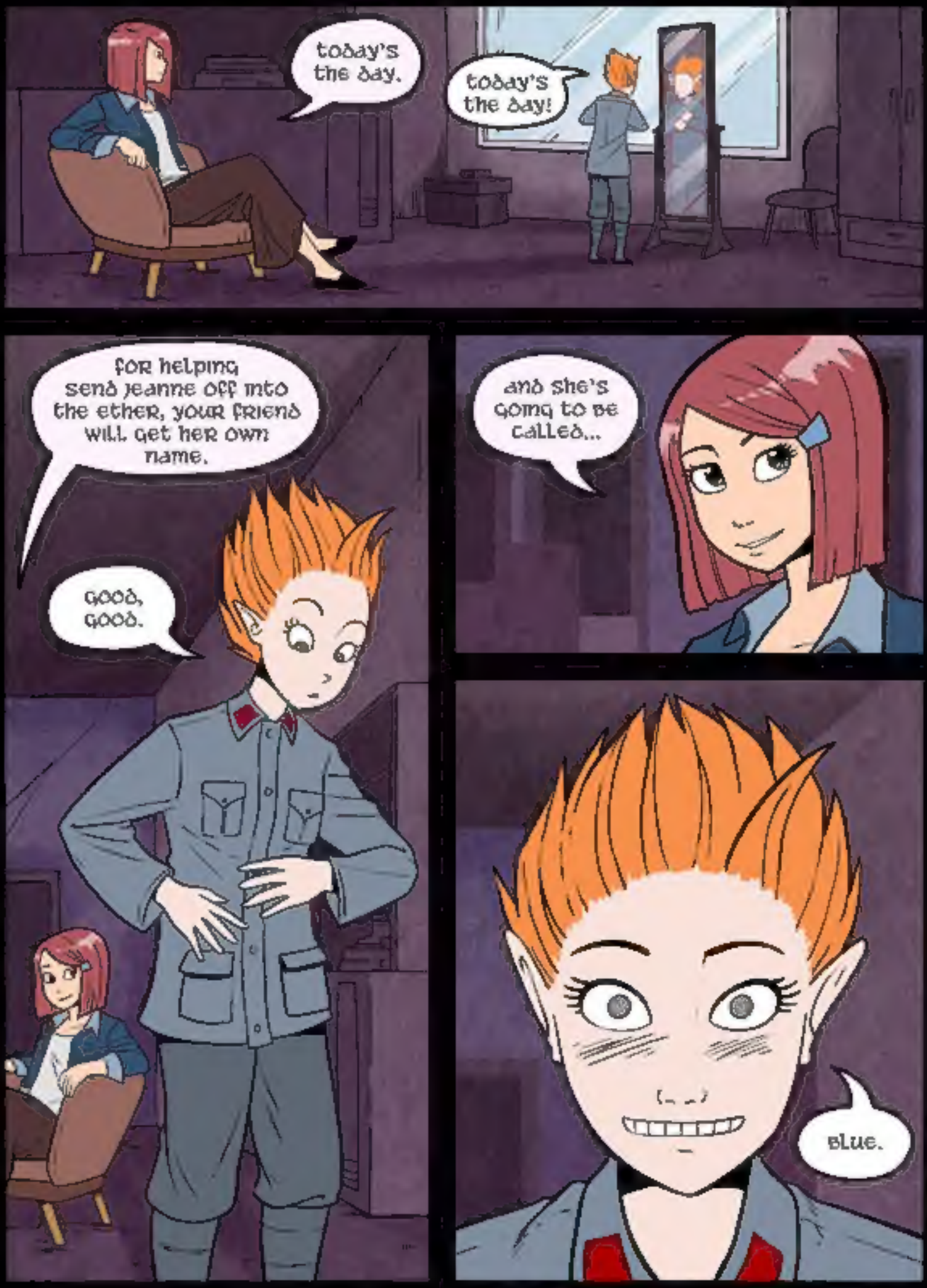
Gunnerkrigg Court

Chapter 61:

Red's Friend Gets A Name Too I Suppose


today's the day.
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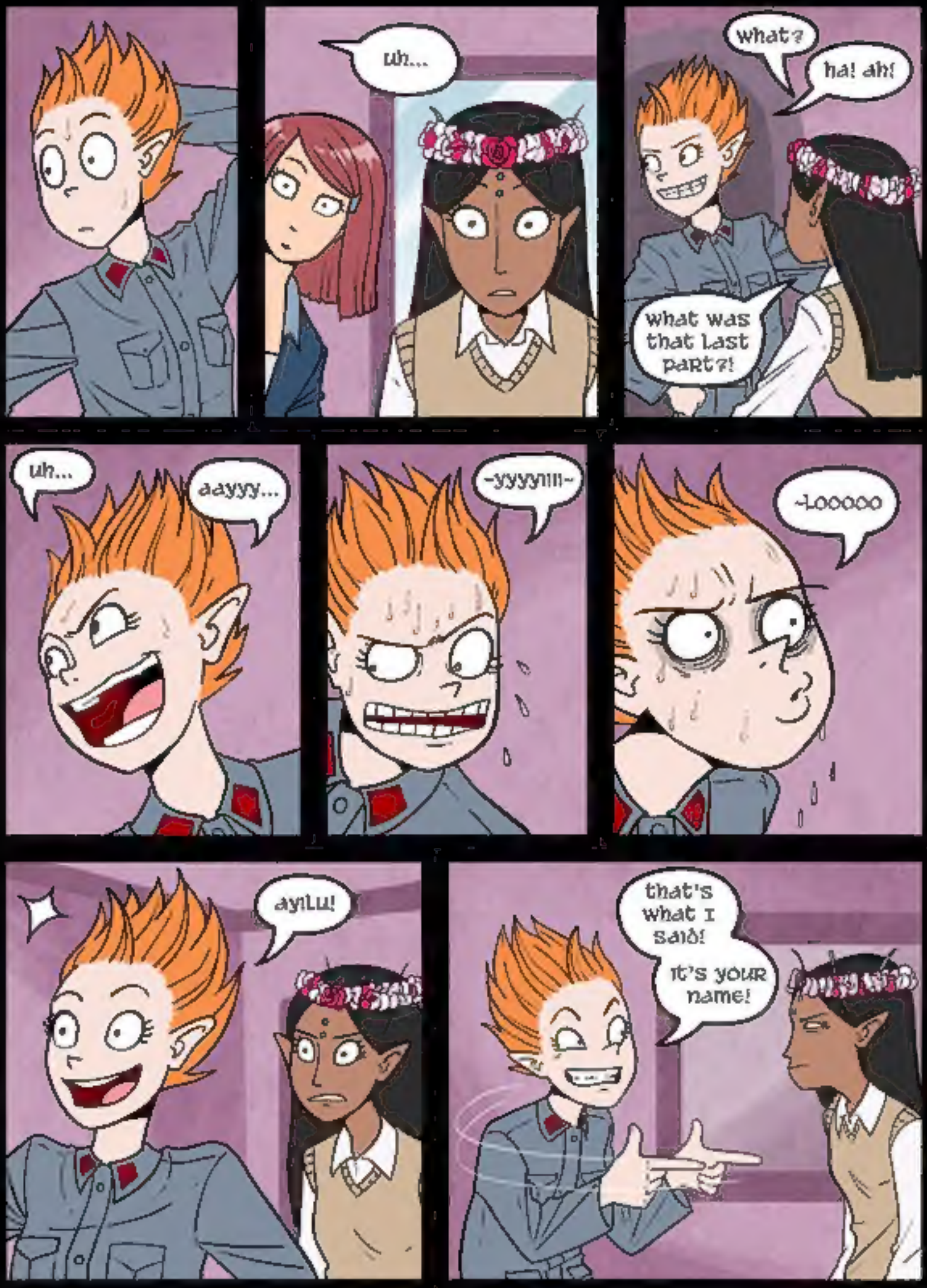
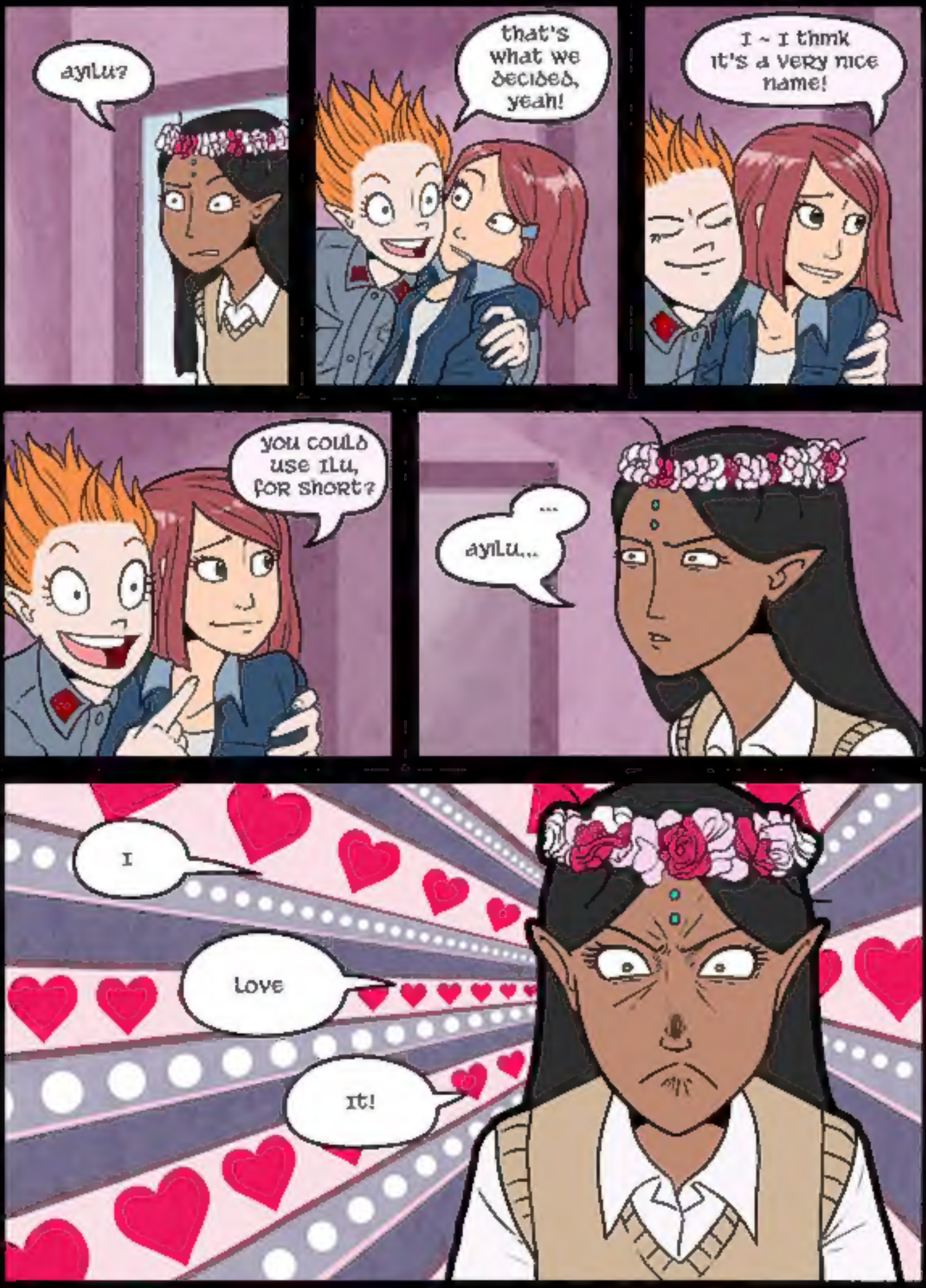
for helping send jeanne off into the ether, your friend will get her own name.
good, good.
and she's going to be called...
blue.

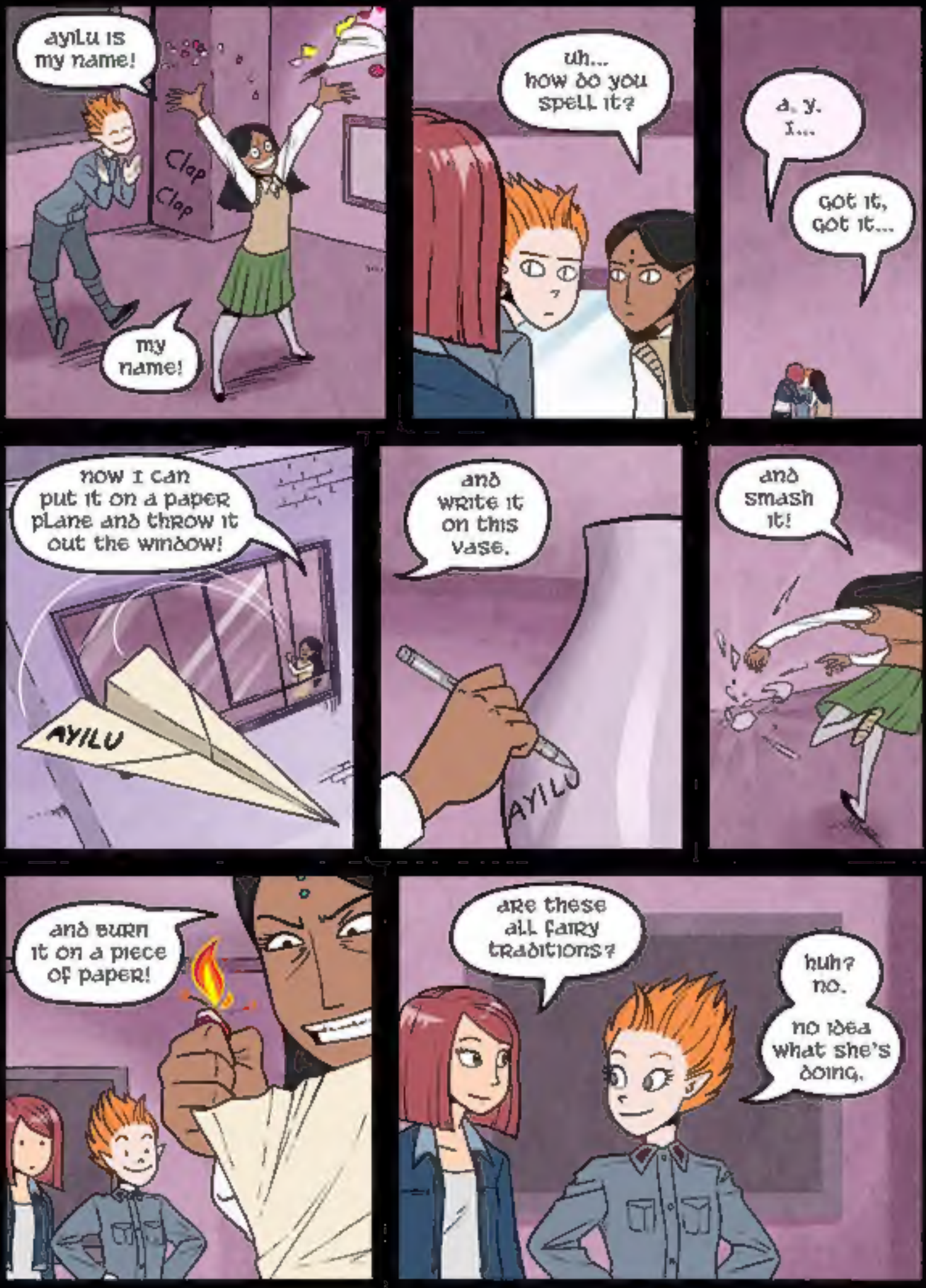
Blue.
Blue Blue...
B ~ Blue...
B...
ARGH! I dunno if I can do this!
can't you just do it?
yes of course, but don't you think it'll be much more meanmful if her name came from her best friend?
I ~ I don't know if I can do it!
It's going to be easy, you'll see.
now come on. she's waiting for you.

hey you
big dumb ugly
butt face!

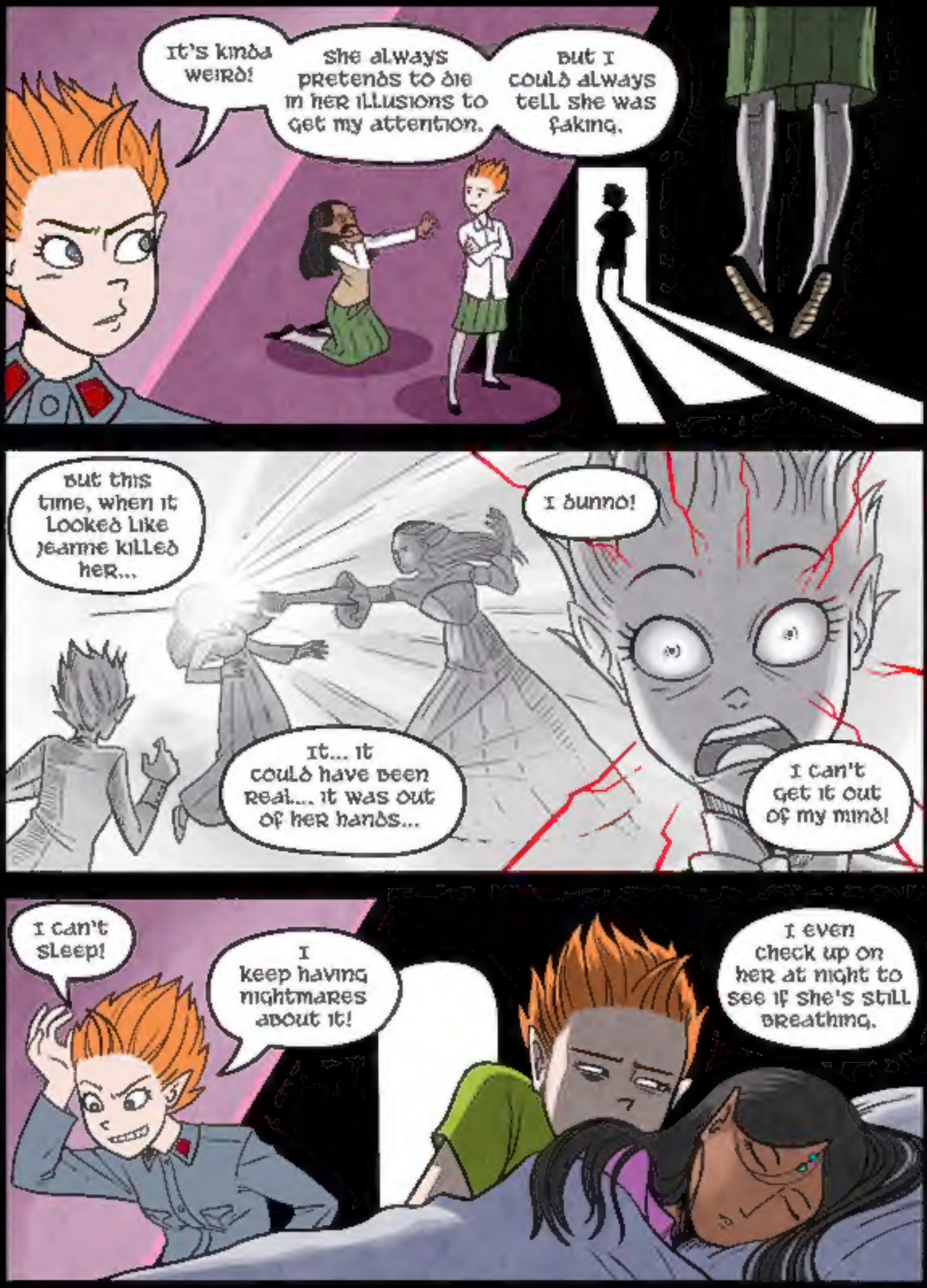
you're a big dumb butt!
haha! you're a stupid big dumb face!
you've got a big face!
haha... ah... and I think you look stupid and I hate your head!
y-you're a dummy and I think your face is a dummy too!
hahaha!
you have like fifty faces and forty-nine of them are stupid and so is the last one!
your face is a butt and your butt is dumb like your face and I love you!


uh...
what?
ha! ah!
what was that last part?!
uh...
aayyy...
-yyyyn!!!~
~looooo
ayiLu!
that's what I said!
it's your name!


aylu?
that's what we decided, yeah!
I ~ I think it's a very nice name!
you could use ilu, for short?
...
aylu...
I
love
it!


ayiLu is my name!
Clap Clap
my name!
uh... how do you spell it?
a. y. I...
got it, got it...
now I can put it on a paper plane and throw it out the window!
AYILU
and write it on this vase.
AYILU
and smash it!
and burn it on a piece of paper!
are these all fairy traditions?
huh? no.
no idea what she's doing.

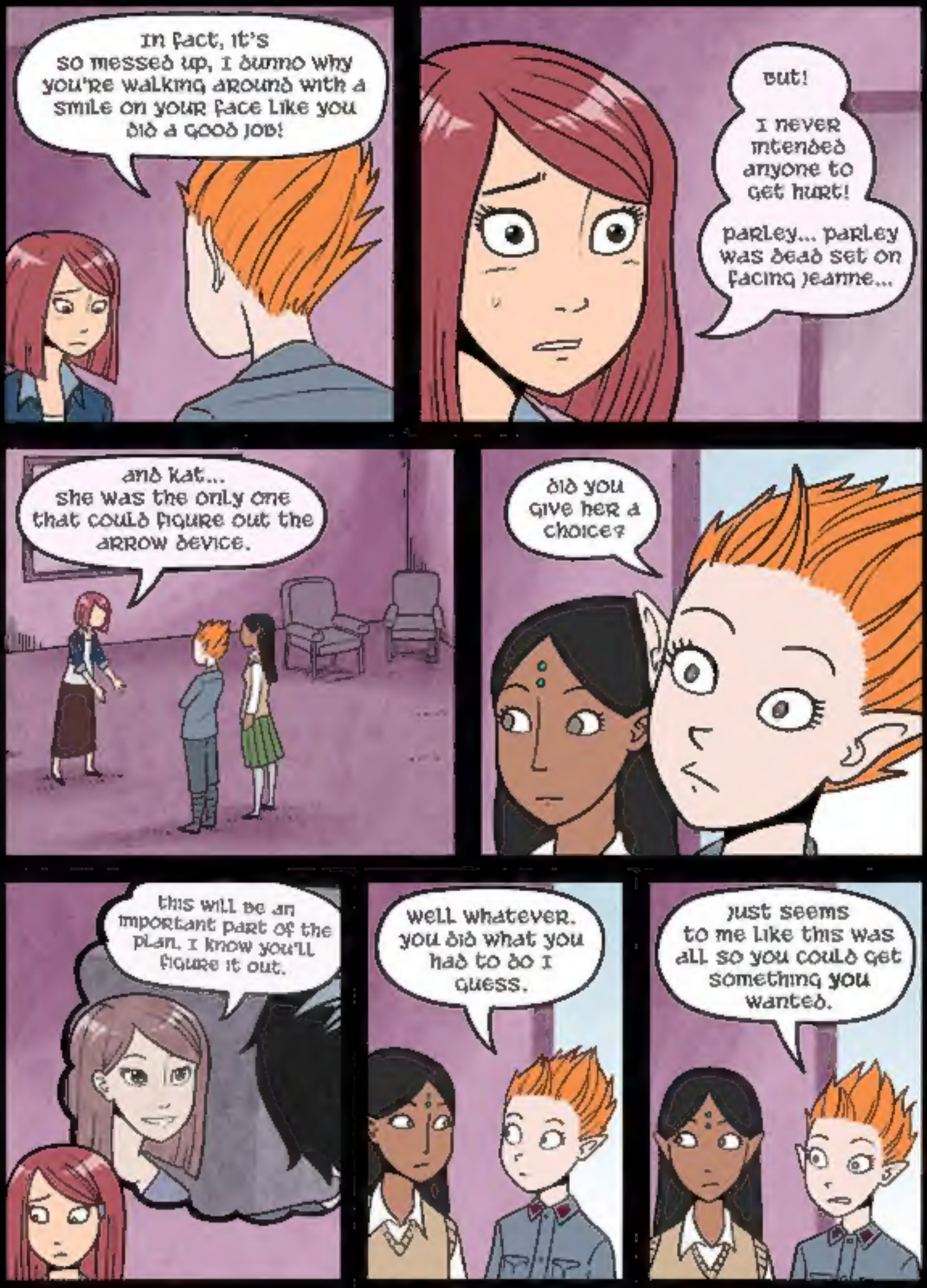
well done, Red. you did it!
AYIIII
I did, I did.
but you wanna hear a secret?
I was thinking about how much I love her, and then said it out loud by accident!
and then I covered it up by making up her name.
yes, that... does seem to be what happened.
you should let her know.
what for? It's none of her stupid business!
I was only thinking it because I was so terrified when I thought she was killed by that crazy ghost lady!


It's kinda weird!
She always pretends to die in her illusions to get my attention.
But I could always tell she was faking.
But this time, when it looked like Jeanne killed her...
I dunno!
It... it could have been real... it was out of her hands...
I can't get it out of my mind!
I can't sleep!
I keep having nightmares about it!
I even check up on her at night to see if she's still breathing.

Oh, Red. I'm sorry, I -
We've been together all our lives and in that second, I thought I'd lost her...
I - I can't even imagine life without her!
and I realised I want to spend the rest of my life with her.
that's really very sweet, Red
and I also realised this was all your fault.
you put her in danger.

but...
she wanted to help since she'd get a name in return!
yeah, of course.
you offered her something she really wanted that she wasn't supposed to have yet.
could you blame her?
getting a name clearly ain't a big deal to you, but you know it is for us.
so, like, you figured you were getting a good deal, putting her in danger in return for something that has no value.
you put all your friends in danger.
man, especially that andrew guy.
you left him bleeding to death with a knife in his chest!

but... he was healed!
yeah, because you knew those spirit guides.
and instead of letting that parley wassername teleport to a doctor, you asked them to wait while you stood around and talked to 'em!
but if andrew had gone to a doctor, the court would have found out what we were doing!
in fact, that's a really messed up thing to do...
so... you left him in pain because you didn't want to get in trouble?
that doesn't make it better, man.


In fact, it's so messed up, I dunno why you're walking around with a smile on your face like you did a good job!
but!
I never intended anyone to get hurt!
parley... parley was dead set on facing Jeanne...
and Kat... she was the only one that could figure out the arrow device.
did you give her a choice?
this will be an important part of the plan. I know you'll figure it out.
well whatever. you did what you had to do I guess.
just seems to me like this was all so you could get something you wanted.

but the others never said anything...
probably felt like they couldn't? I dunno.
and I know you an' me are kinda friends...
but do me a favour and never talk to me or ayilu ever again.
bye!